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On June 6, 2006 at approximately 1000 hrs, Border Liaison Officer Miguel Castillo received an inquiry from the San Luis Sonora Police Department in reference to a suspect that they had detained. The Mexican officials were attempting to confirm whether the suspect, Roger Figueroa Lopez was wanted in the United States.

Department of Public Safety Operational Communications confirmed that Mr. Lopez was wanted in California for a Violation of Parole Warrant on Child Molestation. Detective Castillo contacted the Department of Corrections in California and they were very interested in this suspect, who is a member of 18th street gang in Riverside, California, and is considered a "High Risk" offender.

Detective Castillo contacted Comandante Zamora from the San Luis, Sonora Police Department and explained the situation and requested assistance in having Lopez returned to the United States. Comandante Zamora facilitated the voluntary extradition of the suspect and released Mr. Lopez to Castillo at the San Luis Port of Entry at 1230 hours. Department of Homeland Security Customs Border Protection agents assisted with the release of Lopez into the custody of the U.S Marshall's.

This fugitive recovery is an excellent example of the cooperation between all the local, state, federal and foreign Law Enforcement agencies along the Sonora and Arizona Border. Because of this good working relationship this law enforcement mission was completed in a matter of a couple of hours.

Lopez was processed by the US Marshall's and will be held at the Yuma County Jail facility awaiting transfer back to California.

Agencies Involved: AZ DPS, San Luis Sonora PD, Dept of Homeland Security CBP, US Marshall, California DOC.

